

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. New claims 8-13 have been added. Claims 8-13 are pending and under consideration.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

I. Objection to the Specification

In the Office Action, at page 2, the abstract was objected to. The abstract has been amended (as shown above) in response to this objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102/New Claims

In the Office Action, at pages 2-5, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nyholm ("Nyholm", U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0006791).

Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. New claim 8-13 have been added. New independent claim 8 recites:

supplying the one or more agents to a network element within the radio network, the one or more agents being supplied to the network element via one or more respective agent providers;

providing one or more agent platforms within the network element, the one or more agent platforms being provided for storing a respective agent, each agent platform allowing the respective agent provider to set up an agent having specific access rights, communication between respective agent platforms and agent providers being encrypted;

receiving, from one or more of the reconfigurable terminals, at the one or more agent platforms, information relating to at least one of fault incidents occurring in the one or more reconfigurable terminals and reconfiguration optimization information of the one or more reconfigurable terminals; and

processing, by the one or more agents, the information received at the one or more agent platforms in order to produce decision information and provided the decision information to at least one of the respective terminal, the respective agent provider, the network element, an operator of the network, and a manufacturer of the respective terminal.

Nyholm does not disclose each of the features recited in new independent claim 8.

Since Nyholm does not discuss or suggest all of the features of claim 8, claim 8, and claims 9-12

depending therefrom, patentably distinguish over Nyholm. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-12 are allowable.

New independent claim 13 recites:

one or more agent platforms, the one or more agent platforms storing one or more respective agents that are provided via one or more respective agent providers, each agent platform allowing the respective agent provider to set up an agent having specific access rights, communication between respective agent platforms and agent providers being encrypted, wherein

the one or more agent platforms receive, from one or more reconfigurable terminals within the network, information relating to at least one of fault incidents occurring in the one or more reconfigurable terminals and reconfiguration optimization information of the one or more reconfigurable terminals, and

the one or more agents process the information received at the one or more agent platforms to produce decision information and provide the decision information to at least one of the respective terminal, the respective agent provider, the network element, an operator of the network, and a manufacturer of the respective terminal.

Nyholm does not disclose each of the features recited in new independent claim 13. Since Nyholm does not discuss or suggest all of the features of claim 13, claim 13 patentably distinguishes over Nyholm. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 13 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

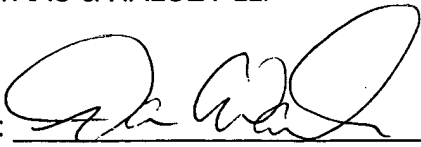
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Respectfully submitted,

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